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SUBJECT: SOVIET EMBASSY PROTEST ABOUT TIME AND NATIONAL  
ENQUIRER ARTICLES

REF: STATE 62889

1. SOVEMBASSY MINISTER VASEV CALLED ON EUR DEPUTY ASSIST-  
ANT SECRETARY ARMITAGE MARCH 16 TO PRESENT NOTE PROTESTING  
NATIONAL ENQUIRER (REFTEL) AND TIME (SEPTTEL) ARTICLES  
IDENTIFYING SOVIET DIPLOMATS AS INTELLIGENCE AGENTS CITING  
/OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT SOURCES". SOVIET NOTE ALSO LINKS  
ARTICLES TO INCIDENTS AND DEMONSTRATIONS DIRECTED AGAINST  
SOVIET ESTABLISHMENTS IN NEW YORK.

2. VASEV COMMENTED THAT SOVIET EMBASSY IS PARTICULARLY  
CONCERNED ABOUT ARTICLE IN TIME, A RESPECTABLE PUBLICATION  
WITH WORLDWIDE CIRCULATION. HE SAID TIME'S REFERENCE TO  
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INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES ON CAPITOL HILL WILL INHIBIT

EMBASSY'S NORMAL AND PROPER CONGRESSIONAL CONTACTS. ARMITAGE NOTED THAT DEPARTMENT DOES NOT INHIBIT SOVIET EMBASSY CONGRESSIONAL CONTACTS. ARMITAGE ALSO ENUMERATED STEPS TAKEN BY FEDERAL AND NEW YORK AUTHORITIES TO IMPROVE SECURITY FOR SOVIET ESTABLISHMENTS IN NEW YORK. VASEV CLAIMED THAT AMERICAN AUTHORITIES HAD NOT YET PRODUCED ANY RESULTS.

ARMITAGE CONCLUDED BY COMMENTING THAT USG RECOGNIZES ITS RESPONSIBILITIES TO PROTECT SOVIET DIPLOMATS, AND IS DOING EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TOWARD THAT END.

3. VASEV SAID HE IS DEPARTING FOR LEAVE IN USSR EVENING MARCH 16. KISSINGER

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